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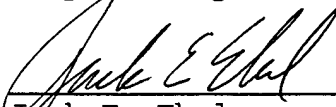
The Issue Fee in the above case was paid on July 24, 2000. This Preliminary Amendment and CPA are being filed concurrently with a "Petition For Withdrawal From Issue For Abandonment To Permit Consideration Of An Information Disclosure Statement". Accordingly an Information Disclosure Statement is also being filed concurrently herewith.

In addition, an Information Disclosure Statement had been filed under 37 CFR 1.97(d) after the mailing date of the Notice Of Allowance, and concurrently with the payment of the Issue Fee. At the present time Applicant has not received any communication from the Examiner indicating that the previous Information Disclosure Statement has been considered.

In the parent case claims 1-20 had been allowed. This Preliminary Amendment leaves claims 1-20 as originally filed, and adds claims 21-45. Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1-45 is respectfully requested. If any issues remain the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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